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) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
)) REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement dated February 23, 2004 by electing, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3, drawn to a method for removing hair from a bovine animal. In traverse of such restriction requirement, however, Applicants state as follows:

Applicants respectfully submit that where a single field of a search thoroughly covers all of the claims in an application, different classifications in the Patent and Trademark Office should not be controlling. It is respectfully submitted that in this case the restriction requirement only serves to increase the expense to Applicants and to the Patent and Trademark Office. As noted in the Commissioner's Notice of April 9, 1975, 930 O.G. 450 and M.P.E.P. §803, where search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner is encouraged to examine on the merits, even if it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Please amend the claims as follows: